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S.B. No. 1911

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to posting notice of self-help resources on the Internet website of a state court and in the office of the court clerk.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Subchapter I, Chapter 51, Government Code, is amended by adding Section 51.808 to read as follows:

Sec. 51.808. NOTICE OF SELF-HELP RESOURCES. (a) The clerk of each court in this state shall:

(1) post on the court's Internet website, if any, a link to:

A) The self-help resources Internet website designated by the Office of Court Administration of the Texas Judicial System in consultation with Texas Access to Justice Commission. The designated website shall include information about (1) lawyer referral services certified under chapter 952 Occupations Code, (2) references or links to the names and locations of local Legal Aid offices, and (3) information about court affiliated self-help centers that serve the county in which the court is located; and

B) The State Law Library.

(2) conspicuously display in the clerk's office in a location frequently accessed by the public a sign with the information described in Subdivision (1).

(b) The Office of Court Administration of the Texas Judicial

1 System shall prescribe the format for the information required
2 under Subsection (a).

3 SECTION 2. As soon as practicable after the effective date
4 of this Act, the Office of Court Administration of the Texas
5 Judicial System shall prescribe the format of the information
6 required under Section 51.808, Government Code, as added by this
7 Act.

8 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2017